

The Question Of The Morse Code In Amateur Radio

The time has come to move from away from the early 20th Century into the 21st Century. Morse code had its place in communications; but given the fact that many effective means of electronic communications have been developed in the last 50 years, is time to move on to bigger and better things.

Eliminating the code from the amateur radio licensing can be replaced by making the testing process more challenging in the area of electronics technical knowledge for the various classes of licenses. Every license class would require more advanced technical knowledge in the area of electronics. Given the fact that we are in the digital electronic age, knowledge about RF design, circuit design, digital logic, optical communications, modulation such as AM, FM, BASK, MSK, QPSK, DQPSK, filter design, antenna design, cellular communications etc., could be made part of the test, requiring higher dexterity and knowledge as more advance class licenses the individual wishes to obtain.

Electronics requires knowledge and understanding of physics and mathematics. If the argument is that all CBers will get easily into amateur radio, then the requirement of more advance knowledge of the electronics science could be used as a filter in calming those fears.

The time has come for the United States to lead the rest of the world, and bring the licensing process for ham radio to the 21st Century!